

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** In an organic electroluminescent composition comprising:

(1) ~~(A)~~ a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine,  
and containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) (B), and

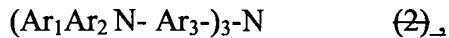
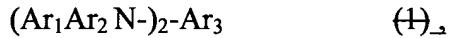
1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms  
present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) (A) and/or 1 wt% or less of compound (C) possessing one more nitrogen  
atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1) (A),

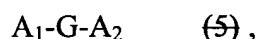
wherein when said organic electroluminescent composition is incorporated in a hole-transporting layer of an organic electro-luminescent element device, the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a live test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electroluminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine (A) and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato)aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

2. **(Currently Amended)** A composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device as described in claim 1 wherein the triarylamine (A) of (1) is selected from compounds represented by the following formulas (1)-(4):



wherein  $\text{Ar}_1$ ,  $\text{Ar}_2$  and  $\text{Ar}_4$  are independently monovalent aryl groups;  $\text{Ar}_3$  is independently a divalent aryl group and  $\text{Ar}_5$  is a tetravalent aryl group.

3. **(Currently Amended)** A composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device as described in claim 1 wherein the triarylamine (A) of (1) is a compound represented by the following formula (5):



wherein  $\text{A}_1$  and  $\text{A}_2$  are independently diaryl amino groups and G is a divalent aryl group.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device as described in claim 1 wherein the triarylamine (A) of (1) is N,N'-di(naphthalene-1-yl)-N,N'-diphenylbenzidine.

5. (Cancelled).

6. **(Currently Amended)** An organic electroluminescent elemental device wherein an organic electroluminescent elemental composition is incorporated in a hole transporting layer of the device, said organic electroluminescent composition comprising:

(1) a triarylamine (A) containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine

(A), and containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) (B), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) (A) and/or 1 wt% or less of compound (C) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1) (A),

wherein the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a live test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electroluminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine (A) and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato)aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

7. **(Currently Amended)** An organic electroluminescent composition comprising:

(1) a triarylamine (A) containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine,

containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) (B), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) (A) and/or 1 wt% or less of compound (C) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1) (A), which composition is prepared by a process comprising

purifying by sublimation or distillation the triarylamine of (1) (A) obtained by the reaction of a haloaryl compound containing one or more halogen atoms in the aromatic ring with an aryl amine in the presence of a catalyst until the triarylamine contains 0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) (B) or and 1 wt% or less of compound (C) (B),

wherein when said organic electroluminescent composition is incorporated in a hole-transporting layer of an organic electro-luminescent element device, the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a live test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electro-luminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine (A) and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato) aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

8. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent composition for an organic electroluminescent elemental device, comprising:

(1) (A) a triarylamine containing 2 to 4 nitrogen atoms each forming a triarylamine (A), containing

0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) (B), and

1 wt% or less of compound (B),

compound (A) possessing one less nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1), and

compound (B) (A) and/or or 1 wt% or less of compound (C) possessing one more nitrogen atom than the number of nitrogen atoms present in the triarylamine of (1) (A).

**9. (Currently Amended)** The organic electroluminescent composition according to claim 8, wherein when said organic electroluminescent composition is incorporated in a hole-transporting layer of an organic electroluminescent element device, the operating time in which the initial luminescence attenuates 10% exceeds 100 hours in a live test, wherein the life test is conducted on an electroluminescent element device in which the hole transporting layer consists of the aforementioned triarylamine (A) and the luminescent layer consists of tris(8-quinolinato)aluminum by applying a direct current at a constant current density of 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**10. (Currently Amended)** A method for preparing the organic electroluminescent composition according to claim 8, comprising

purifying by sublimation or distillation the triarylamine of (1) (A) obtained by the reaction of a haloaryl compound containing one or more halogen atoms in the aromatic ring with an aryl amine in the presence of a catalyst until the triarylamine of (1) (A) contains 0.5 wt% or less of compound (A) (B), and/or , and  
1 wt% or less of compound (B) (C).